

Amendments to the Claims

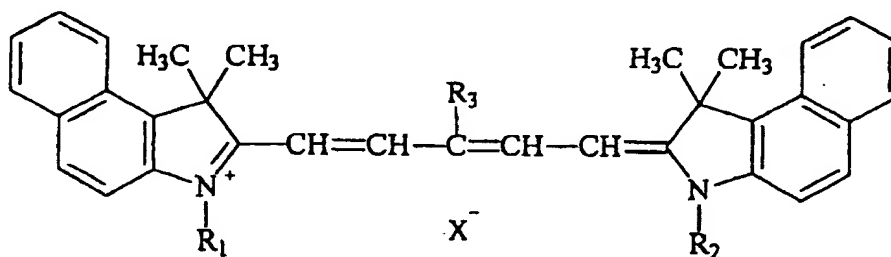
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-12 (Cancelled).

13. (Currently Amended) An optical recording medium for improved accurate high-speed writing, comprising a cyanine dye and a light-resistant improver of said cyanine dye, said light-resistant improver being a member selected from the group consisting of metal complexes, nitrosoaniline, nitrosophenol, nitrosonaphthol, 4-nitroso-4'-dimethylamino-diphenylamine, tetracyanoquinodimethane compounds, diimmonium salts and nitroso compounds comprising a phenylpyridylamine skeleton, wherein the molar ratio of said light-resistant improver to said cyanine dye is 0.01 to 5, said cyanine dye being represented by Formula 1:

Formula 1:



~~where in~~ wherein Formula 1, R₁ denotes a methyl or ethyl group; R₂ differs from R₁ and denotes a straight- or branched-chain alkyl group; R₃ is a hydrogen atom or a substituent selected from the group consisting of halogens and lower-alkyl groups; and X⁻ denotes an inorganic ion comprising fluorine and either phosphorous or antimony.

14. (Currently Amended) The optical recording medium of claim 13, wherein said metal complexes are ~~teraeyane~~ ~~quinodimethane compounds, diimmonium salts, bis([2'-chloro-3-methoxy-4-(2-methoxyethoxy)dithiobenzyl]nickel~~ nickel and ~~formazane~~ formazan metal complexes.

15. (Previously Presented) The optical recording medium of claim 13, which is sensitive to a laser beam with a wavelength of around 780 nm.

16. (Previously Presented) The optical recording medium of claim 13, which records information using a laser beam with a wavelength of around 780 nm.